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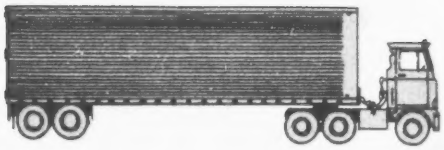

MONTHLY TRUCK TONNAGE REPORT

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FEBRUARY TRUCK TONNAGE INDEX DECREASES

The seasonally adjusted monthly index of intercity truck tonnage decreased 1.20 points (0.8 percent) during February 1981, the American Trucking Associations announced today. The adjusted index was 151.5p for the month of February, compared to 152.7r for the month of January 1981. The index was 5.2 points (or 3.3 percent) lower than it was in February 1980. The final adjusted index for tonnage during the year 1967 is taken as 100 to start the chain link index.

These findings are based on the ATA Research and Statistical Services Department's monthly survey of Class I and II motor carriers of general freight with monthly responses representing more than one-third of the tonnage moved. The month-to-month percent change chain link has been adjusted to remove the normal seasonal influences and variations dues to the different number of business days each month.

The unadjusted tonnage data for the United States and for each region for the latest month (p) are shown on the reverse side. Based upon this unadjusted data, February tonnage increased 2.5 percent compared to revised January and decreased 6.2 percent compared to February of last year.

NOTE -- Included with this monthly release is an updated index covering the months of the last five years (1976 through 1980). These are prepared periodically as more information becomes available for use in adjusting seasonal and trading day variations.

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PLEASE NOTE: These tonnage index figures are based on month-to-month percentage change figures. This chain link is then adjusted seasonally and for trading days according to formulates supplied by the Department of Commerce. For more information on the techniques involved and the use of this index, see the ATA Department of Economics' "Motor Carrier Special Report" of September 1977.

UNADJUSTED FEBRUARY TRUCK TONNAGE BY REGION

Region	Cos.	FEB. 1981p	FEB. 1980f	Percent Change 2/81p over 2/80f	JAN. 1981r	Percent Change 2/81p over 1/81r
New England	19	260,976	295,364	-11.6	253,607	+ 2.9
Middle Atlantic	37	963,035	1,106,437	-13.0	922,530	+ 4.4
Central	49	1,557,310	1,787,820	-12.9	1,537,836	+ 1.3
Southern	43	1,391,958	1,471,180	- 5.4	1,365,063	+ 2.0
Northwestern	11	326,678	375,445	-13.0	322,045	+ 1.4
Midwestern	20	394,897	452,567	-12.7	383,065	+ 3.1
Southwestern	14	767,899	856,855	-10.4	777,771	- 1.3
Rocky Mountain	11	284,073	280,819	+ 1.2	255,675	+11.1
Pacific	10	694,749	865,269	-19.7	661,118	+ 5.1
Total	214	6,641,575	7,491,806	-11.4	6,478,710	+ 2.5

INDEX COMPARISONS

	FEB. 1981	JAN. 1981	DEC. 1980	FEB. 1980	Monthly %Change 1/81 / 12/80	Monthly %Change 2/81 / 1/81	Yearly %Change
Tonnage Index (adjusted)[1]	151.5p	152.7r	153.0f	156.7f	-0.2	-0.8	- 3.3
Tonnage Index (unadjusted)	145.9p	142.3r	152.3f	155.5f	-6.6	+2.5	- 6.2
Industrial Production Index[2] (total)	150.8	151.5	150.7	152.6	+0.5	-0.5	- 1.2
Manufacturers (total)	150.2	151.0	150.6	152.7	+0.3	-0.5	- 1.6
Nondurable	165.1	165.2	165.1	165.1	+0.1	-0.1	-
Durable	139.9	141.1	146.5	144.1	-3.7	-0.9	- 2.9
Retail Store Sales Index[2] (adjusted)	354.8	351.1	333.1	323.2	+5.4	+1.1	+ 9.8
Producer Price Index[3] (unadjusted)	262.4	259.8	254.7	237.7	+2.0	+1.0	+10.4
Consumer Price Index[4] (unadjusted)	263.2	260.5	258.4	236.4	+0.8	+1.0	+11.3

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[1]Adjusted seasonally and for trading days.

[2]Seasonally adjusted.

[3]Finished goods (formerly wholesale Price Index).

[4]Goods and Services.